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Pages Learn About Legislature

Business In Front, Party In Back

Today, Representative Haley Bentler introduced House bill 2263, which addresses the issue of the Mullet. "The bill is a good one because it shall cause the mullet to become extinct," said Representative Bentler. This bill shall be banning the mullet hairstyle, which is a hairstyle gone bad. To enforce this law, a citizen will be fined about \$50 and shall be forced to shave their hair off. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on February 22, 2005.



Board game simulates bill process.

On Monday, pages played a board game designed to simulate for them the process by which a bill becomes a law in Washington State. They came to understand that only about ten percent of the bills that are introduced actually become laws. They also experienced the frustration of having a bill "die" in the middle of the process.

Drinking Is Ok

Today, Representative Chris Erickson introduced House bill 7331, which addresses the issue of "Drinking limitations and age requirements." "The bill is a good one because it will help teenagers learn drinking responsibilities earlier," said Representative Erickson. The bill will lower the drinking age to fourteen years old and enforce a new law requiring that if you drink, your blood/alcohol level must stay under a certain amount. Fines will be given to offenders of this law and rehab will be required for people who have broken this law more than twice. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on February 22, 2006.

McIntire Does it Again!

Today, Representative Matt McIntire introduced House bill 1015, which addresses the issue of the legalization of marijuana. "The bill is a good one because marijuana is not as dangerous as its made out to be," said Representative Matt McIntire. The bill states that marijuana should be legalized to people over the age of 21. It also states that marijuana would be a state monopoly. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on February 22, 2006.

More Money For Teachers

Today, Senator Glorianna Ortiz-Cross introduced Senate bill 5799, which addresses the issue of paying teachers a higher salary. "The bill is a good one because teachers devote their time to teaching the kids and leading them down the right path in their lives," said Senator Ortiz-Cross. This bill will raise the taxes on restaurant meals, providing the money that should go to the teachers. Teachers deserve the right to be paid more. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on February 22, 2006.



Cell Phone Use In Class To Decrease

Today, Senator Erica Otness introduced Senate bill 7483, which addresses the issue of cell phone use during class. "The bill is a good one because eventually it will increase student grade point averages, provide focus in class, and also provide a better learning environment for the students," said Senator Otness. This bill will help students in the long run. By not using cellular phones, the students' knowledge will increase drastically. For those that do not feel the need to follow this law, they will be pun-

ished by getting their cell phone taken away, and get a detention. If the student still doesn't choose to follow this law, it will result in Saturday school. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on February 22, 2006.



I'm Just A Bill video provides review of bill process

After playing the Bill Process Game, pages viewed the video *I'm Just A Bill*. Many of them stated that they remembered viewing this in elementary school. This short video accurately illustrates all of the steps in the process.



Student Requirements Clarified

Today, Senator Kali Rasmussen introduced Senate bill 6298, which addresses the issue of graduation requirements. "The bill is a good one because it will provide students with a better understanding of what they have to do to graduate," said Senator Rasmussen. Washington State already requires that our high school students have graduation requirements. Not many schools know exactly what the requirements are. This bill provides a detailed program of what is required and how to help our students graduate with the highest scores possible. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on February 22, 2006.

More Sleep For Students

Today, Representative Kyle Romain introduced House bill 2424, which addresses the issue of School Hours. "The bill is a good one because it gives students more time to sleep, thus making them more efficient throughout the day and allowing them to focus easier," said Representative Romain. This bill would change the starting time of all schools in Washington state 10:00 instead of 7:45. However, it can be opposed if a school writes a letter stating why they should open at 7:45 instead of 10:00. It would then be taken before a committee and approved or denied.

The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on February 22, 2006.

Sports Becoming Unfit For Families?

Today, Senator Juliauna Rossi introduced Senate bill 6935, which addresses the issue of the environment of sports games no longer being a suitable for families with young children. "The bill is a good one because it can keep both players and fans safe and make sports suitable for children," said Senator Rossi. The fan will be removed from the game if using obscene language and made to pay a fine if any damage had occurred. If a player gets into a dangerous argument that could break into a fight the player will be removed and if a fight occurs the player will not receive pay for a week. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on February 22, 2006.



Bill To Reduce Traffic Noise

Today, Representative Adam Saul introduced House bill 2031, which addresses the issue of traffic noise. "The bill is a good one because it reduces the amount of noise on our roads and highways," said Representative Saul. The bill would put stricter punishments on drivers whose cars do not have mufflers. The first offense would get a warning, the second would get a fine, and the third would get the car impounded for two weeks. The bill would become effective 60 days after it is signed by the Governor. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on February 22, 2006.

Getting Rid Of The Drinking Age

Today, Senator Reed Stokes introduced Senate bill 5754, which addresses the issue of alcohol restrictions based on age. "The bill is a good one because it will ensure that teenagers have become accustomed to drinking and are aware of how alcohol is used responsibly. This will ensure against alcohol-related car accidents caused by or involving teenagers," said Senator Stokes. In short, the bill will get rid of the drinking age and make alcohol legal for anyone. Hopefully, this will encourage families and schools to discuss alcohol use from an early age so that young adults will act maturely if they do decide to drink. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on February 22, 2006.

Pages write bills

Each page wrote a bill designed to solve a problem. Topics for bills included driving age, noise control, fewer school hours for high-schools students, and cell-phone use. They reflect real issues that affect teen-age lives in Washington State. Bills were printed so pages can keep them.



New Bill Means More Holidays!

Today, Representative Jacob Thorpe introduced House bill 1234, which addresses the issue of Holidays falling on breaks. "The bill is a good one because it will allow people to take advantage of every holiday, even the ones falling during a break," said Representative Thorpe. Right now when a holiday falls on a weekend people get the next workday off. However when a bill falls in the middle of a break people don't get that holiday. This bill will change that. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on Feb. 22, 2006.



More Sleep For All

Today, Senator Helene Viger introduced Senate bill number 5678 which addresses the issue of changing public high school operating hours. "The bill is a good one because kids are not getting enough sleep these days, and this bill will change that," said Senator Viger. All the public high schools located in the King County District will change their current operating hours to those that are more fitting for a student's sleep cycle. School will now start at 9:00 am and dismiss at 3:30 pm. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on February 22, 2006.

A Balanced Education For Everyone

Today, Senator Emily Wallace introduced Senate bill 5172, which addresses the issue of providing a well-balanced education to all students. "The bill is a good one because it allows students to see that there is more than one a way to look at the origin of life," said Senator Emily Wallace. This bill would allow teachers to teach intelligent design along side evolution without any aspect of discrimination. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on February 22, 2006.

Rep. Proposes Cheaper Fuel Source

Today, Representative Stephen Zirschky introduced House bill 1723, which addresses the issue of the high price of gasoline. "The bill is a good one because it will reduce the amount of money that people will spend on fuel, and will help the economy grow quicker," said Representative Zirschky. This bill increases the amount of money each car costs, and allows car companies to spend more money on an alternative fuel source. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on February 22, 2006.



Burning + Substances = Air Pollution

Today, Senator Kyle West introduced Senate bill 5143, which addresses the issue of burning substances to create energy. "The bill is a good one because it prevents air pollution and it protects people from the deadly toxins let out by theses fires," said Senator Kyle West. This bill will prevent unneeded toxins from being let out. Washington has many safer sources of power that could be more wide-spread if we eliminate this one deadly source of power. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on February 22, 2006.

Pages lobby their own bills

Pages practiced lobbying techniques as they encouraged their colleagues to support their bills in committee hearings. They created posters and completed media releases for this newsletter.

Drunk Driving Punishments

Today, Senator Brittany Lawrence introduced Senate bill 5999, which addresses the issue of vehicular manslaughter cases caused by drunk driving. "The bill is a good one because this will help increase the punishment for drunk driving and help

reduce the number of deaths,” said Senator Lawrence. There are many cases of drunk driving that caused the death of another person (vehicular manslaughter). Vehicular manslaughter is a very serious crime and should be severely punished. New punishments would help reduce the number of drunk drivers and reduce the number of deaths caused by drunk driving. Therefore, if someone is convicted of vehicular manslaughter while driving drunk, they should be sentenced to life in prison. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on February 22, 2006.



Can-Recycling Machines

Today, Representative Jake Burton introduced House bill 2731, which addresses the issue of refunding money for recycled cans. “The bill is a good one because it encourages people to recycle cans and will help our aluminum reserves last longer,” said Representative Burton. This bill will be used in order to encourage the recycling of aluminum cans. For every time a can is returned to a machine the recycler will receive five cents for the cans. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on Feb 22, 2006.

The WASL Menace

Today, Senator Jenelle Freeborn introduced Senate bill 6894, which addresses the issue of not making students pass the WASL for graduation requirement. “The bill is a good one because it benefits students all over the state of Washington,” said Senator Freeborn. This bill states that students will not have to pass the WASL as a senior in High School. Although it states that you do not have to pass the WASL it will benefit those who do. If you do pass the WASL you will receive \$3,000 for your college funds. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on February 22, 2006.

Too Loud

Today, Senator Russell Ison introduced Senate bill 5014, which addresses the issue of motor vehicle noise control. “The bill is a good one because it will help prevent accidents on the road and restore the peace in our neighborhood,” said Senator Ison. This bill will ban loud and annoying mufflers on motor vehicles that distract drivers in the area. It will help relieve tension between cars on the road and schools, offices, etc. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on February 22, 2006.

Lowering The Drinking Age

Today, Senator Tara Jenson introduced Senate bill 5438, which addresses the issue of lowering the drinking age to eighteen. “The bill is a good one because eighteen is the age when someone becomes an adult,” said Senator Jenson. When someone is an adult, they should be mature enough to drink responsibly. An adult should be responsible for themselves and should be able to face the consequences if they don't. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on February 22, 2005.

Committees debate bills, vote

Pages participated in simulated committee hearings on Wednesday. They read their bills and ‘committee’ members, governed by the rules of parliamentary procedure, debated the pros and cons of the bills. When pages voted on bills, some ideas were passed on to an imagined legislative body, while others did not pass and “died” in committee. In this newsletter, we have reported which bills passed and which did not pass.



No More Illusory Quality

Today, Senator Polly Kang introduced Senate bill 7852, which addresses the issue of education and infrastructure. “The bill is a good one because it addresses real problems that adults, who are out of school, do not care about,” said Senator Polly Kang. While many schools are willing to spend millions on rebuilding and remodeling their buildings to aggrandize the appearance, they do not worry the quality of education they can offer. This problem can be solved by banning architectural modifications of schools that do not have the minimal requirement of school supplies, such as textbooks. The minimal requirement would be determined by the number of students in each class. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on February 22, 2006.

ORV Noise Levels

Today, Representative Matt Kristiansen introduced House bill 1234, which addresses the issue of ATV's and ORV's. “The bill is a good one because it allows people to have a broader choice of where to ride and what to ride,” said Representative Kristiansen. This bill raises the decibel rating to 110 decibels on ATV's and opens up more off-road trails to get rid of the argument of

lowering the decibel rating, because the more trails being shut down, the closer the ATV's and ORV's will be to the more heavily populated areas which means more complaints from the citizens. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on February 22, 2006.



New Bill Helps Teenagers Sleep More

Today, Representative Ryan Lawrence introduced House bill 2345, which addresses the issue of school hours for public middle schools, junior high schools, and high schools in Washington State. "The bill is a good one because it promotes better school-work from teenagers by compensating for their internal clocks natural shift ahead, as well as encouraging them to participate in pre-school extra-curricular activities at a time when they do not normally need to complete homework," said Representative Lawrence. The bill will move the times during which students are required to attend (during schooldays) an hour ahead, so that the current 8:00 AM-2:37 PM school day will become a 9:00 AM-2:37 PM school day. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on February 22, 2006.



Young Drivers

Today, Senator Jonathan Lee introduced Senate bill 5432, which addresses the issue of Young Drivers paying for insurance, tabs, gas, tax, and driver's ed. "The bill is a good one because teenagers in the future will not be able to pay for everything," said Senator Lee. My bill requires tolls for some of the major bridges on Washington. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on Feb. 22, 2006.

Drivers' Ed To Be Improved

Today, Senator Alex Leonard introduced Senate bill 6743, which addresses the issue of Traffic Safety. "The bill is a good one because it's a simple way to prevent risks that can cause harm to people both physically and costly," said Senator Leonard. This bill proposes that Drivers' Education courses will crack down on their courses and make sure that the new drivers are ready for the road. That, along with police simply keeping out an open eye, will be sufficient enough. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on February 22, 2006.

Stuck In Traffic Again?

Today, Senator Darren Levin introduced Senate bill 5555, which addresses the issue of reducing traffic. "The bill is a good one because traffic is a hassle every day for commuters and it will ease road traffic intensity," said Senator Levin. Senate Bill 5555 will reward those who use public transportation, including buses and trains, with financial incentives. It will also reward those who carpool or vanpool to work during rush hour. This will encourage people to frequent buses, trains, and park-and-rides. There are multiple benefits in addition to traffic reduction, including improving air quality and road accessibility. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on February 22, 2006.



Zehnder, Perschon-Rhodes, Betts, Appleton Speak

Cindy Zehnder, President and CEO of TVW; Jessica Perschon-Rhodes and Sarah Betts of the Washington School Employees Credit Union; and Representative Sherry Appleton D-23 joined the pages during their classes on Thursday. They told students about their present positions and shared information about how the Legislature affects what they do. Pages were able to interact with these guests.

Magazine Ads

Today, Representative Mariela Macias introduced House bill 1422, which addresses the issue of getting rid of bad ads in magazines. "The bill is a good one because people need to stop doing all that unhealthy stuff and little children don't need to be reading that stuff," said Representative Mariela Macias. This bill is about getting rid of any bad and unhealthy ads. The ads

that I'm talking about are the beer, drugs, and cigars. Companies are really good at telling you lies, supposedly if you drink beer and smoke pot you will be living the time of your life, and about cigars they say that there is different flavored ones so that little children think its candy. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on Feb. 22, 2006.

Lighten It Up

Today, Representative Nick Phillips introduced House bill 1001, which addresses the issue of street lamps. "The bill is a good one because it will prevent car crashes and breakings," said Representative Phillips. The bill will help local neighborhoods with problems with street lamps. Also to prevent break-ins so nobody gets anything stolen. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on February 22, 2006.



Illegal Homework

Today, Representative Mark Viger introduced House bill 2465, which addresses the issue of too much homework. "The bill is a good one because it gives kids more time to exercise," said Representative Viger. The teacher can not assign homework to be done over a legal holiday. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on February 22, 2006.



Easy Now, Hard Later

Today, Representative Daniel Webber introduced House bill 2167, which addresses the issue of excessive environmental disregard. "The bill is a good one because it will reduce the amount of litter and pollution in public areas.," said Representative Webber. A small tax would be made on gasoline to help buy equipment to catch polluters in the act, then everyone who is caught will be forced to work ten hours of community service. This will discourage polluters from littering and help keep our world clean

for future generations.. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on February 22, 2006.

Food Choices Encouraged

Today, Senator Kelsey Yount introduced Senate bill 5876, which addresses the issue of being able to have an independent choice of what we eat. "The bill is a good one because we should be able to make our own choices," said Senator Yount. We can not have treats at our school like we used to. The school should trust us to make good choices and its our life so we should make the choice ourselves not our school. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on February 22, 2006.

Budget debate stirs emotions

Using actual state budget figures, pages debated how to balance the state's operating budget. Their task was to make up a \$3 billion deficit. "Is it always this hard?" asked a page as the debate intensified.

Don't Call Me Later

Today, Representative Tony Buchanan introduced House bill 1170, which addresses the issue of using cell phones while driving. "The bill is a good one because it can save lives and help prevent accidents," said Representative Buchanan. People who talk on phones while driving become a major hazard to our community. Accidents can happen because people are not paying attention to the road in front of them and instead are talking on their phones. The only exception to this law will be if the phone is attached to headphones so people can keep both hands on the wheel and their head forward. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on Feb 22, 2006.

School Starting Time

Today, Representative Brendan Cleary introduced House bill 1111, which addresses the issue of school start time. "The bill is a good one because children will get a better education and have a better performance in school," said Representative Cleary. This bill will increase any school's start time to no earlier than 8:45 am. By doing so, children will do better in school than they have in the past. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on February 22, 2006.

Smoking And Alcohol Ads Eliminated!

Today, Representative Elizabeth Daniels introduced House bill 1106, which addresses the issue of smoking and alcohol ads in magazines. "The bill is a good one because it relieves some of the pressure put on smoking and alcohol for teens today," said Representative Daniels. The bill eliminates smoking and alcohol ads in magazines and fines the magazines who choose to disregard it. The fines will be used toward developing centers

for lung cancer patients and alcoholics, as well as centers working toward cancer cures. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on February 22, 2006. This bill passed.



The End Of Gas-Related Outrage?

Today, Senator Sara Eaton introduced Senate bill 7998, which addresses the issue of too-high gas prices. "The bill is a good one because too many people have been forced to waste their money on gas prices that are far too high for what the company pays for it," said Senator Eaton. This bill will not allow gas prices to reach such heights as have been recently recorded. Without this bill gas companies can continue to increase prices 50% or more during wartime, instead all prices will be regulated at a 10% increase on the cost of production of the gas including during times of war. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on February 22, 2006.

Tax Levied On New SUV Purchases!

Today, Representative Claire Fleckenstein introduced House bill 1078, which addresses the issue of a tax being levied on all purchases of new SUVs. "The bill is a good one because these so-called 'gas guzzlers' are negatively affecting our environment, and will continue to do so until they are off the roads!," said Representative Fleckenstein. The bill will charge a 10% tax on the original price of the SUV, along with the original price. The Representative hopes the bill will make people think about how their new car will affect their environment, and give it a second thought before purchasing. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on February 22, 2006.

Sore Feet

Today, Representative Jack Hunter introduced House bill 2598, which addresses the issue of pages using elevators. "The bill is a good one because the pages constantly have to walk up and down as many as five flights of stairs at a time, hurting their feet.," said Representative Hunter. The pages are not always wearing the most comfortable shoes, and the more walking they do, the more their feet hurt. The most walking they do is not going from building to building or traveling to rooms or offices, but going up and down the stairs. In JLOB there are five floors, and a page may

need to go from the basement up to the 4th floor and back, and wearing even very comfortable shoes doing that several times a day will wear on their feet. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on Feb.22, 2006.

Rep. McBride: "Get Rid Of The WASL Passing!!!

Today, Representative Morgan McBride introduced House bill 1010, which addresses the issue of the passing of the WASL to graduate. "The bill is a good one because students will not have to stress about passing it so they can actually do just fine in the homework. The bill also shortens the failing of children. Students will also be able to get out more and do more activities," said Representative McBride. "Or people will have more time and work on more different stuff. Teachers will be able to get more out to their class than stressing points that most likely will not be on the WASL. I think this bill is a great idea. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on February 22, 2006.



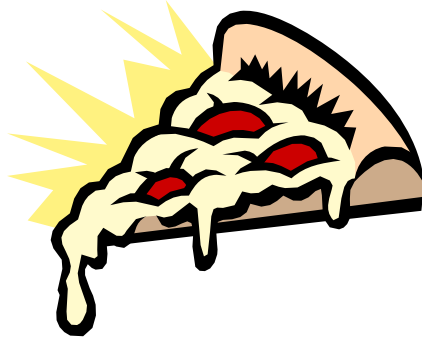
Easier Tests!!!

Today, Senator Courtney McClanahan introduced Senate bill 5674, which addresses the issue of WASLs for challenged students. "The bill is a good one because it allows challenged students the opportunity to pass the High School WASL," said Senator McClanahan. This bill will make schools write a second WASL for challenged students. They will be able to take the special test and have a greater chance at passing high school and moving on towards higher learning. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on February 22, 2006.

WASL No More? Maybe

Today, Senator Andrew Mitzel introduced Senate bill 6666, which addresses the issue of the WASL's current requirements for tenth graders. "The bill is a good one because it takes into account the feelings of the people around this issue," said Senator Mitzel. This bill will not rid us of the WASL in its entirety, but will revoke the requirements for graduation implemented this year. It also asks for reform of the standardizing of the test,

as well as primary and intermediate schooling; meaning Kindergarten through tenth grade. The WASL will also be made optional for those students who wish not to have their scores affect their careers. The bill will then recommend new criteria for interpreting the WASL scores in college admissions. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on February 22, 2006.



Pages celebrate, mingle at Thursday pizza party

Thursday afternoon, pages took a break from their regular duties and socialized with each other while eating pizza. This was an opportunity for House and Senate pages to mingle at the page Appreciation Pizza Party.

Drugs Legal: How Can That Be?

Today, Senator Noah McKenzie introduced Senate bill 6666, which addresses the issue of legalizing drugs. "The bill is a good one because it is well thought out and very intelligent," said Senator McKenzie. The bill hopes to decrease the amount of drugs used by teens by making drugs "uncool." By making drugs "uncool" the bill diminishes the risk and fun in doing drugs, so kids won't have anything to gain from using drugs. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on February 22, 2006.

WASL Changes Proposed

Today, Senator Christopher Foster introduced Senate bill 7777, which addresses the issue of the WASL requirement. "The bill is a good one because children enrolled in the Washington State educational program will no longer be required to take the WASL after grade 8," said Senator Foster. This bill will eliminate the requirements for students to take the WASL after they have successfully passed the eight grade curriculum. The original purpose of the WASL was to test students on their knowledge of the eight grade curriculum. But, should a student make the choice to take the WASL after grade 8 may do so. All students who did choose to take the WASL after grade 8 will receive merit for simply making their choice to take the WASL. And that student will receive personal gain as to the career of their choice. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on Feb 22, 2006.

Marshall Proposes Groundbreaking Bill

Today, Representative Austin Marshall introduced House bill 2342, which addresses the issue of rockslides on I-90 in the Cascade mountains. "The bill is a good one because it will keep our residents safe and protects our important trade routes from damage," said Representative Marshall. Crews trained by the State will enter the mountains once a month, testing rock and identifying risk areas. Within seven days, a separate crew will enter to secure the rocks with netting and barriers paid for by the Department of Transportation. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on Feb. 22, 2006. passed.



Down With Incompetence!

Today, Senator Andrew Boes introduced Senate bill 5432, which addresses the issue of Incompetent Drivers. "The bill is a good one because incompetent drivers equals heavy traffic, and nobody likes traffic," said Senator Boes. This bill will reduce the amount of these "bad" drivers on our public roads, and make everyone happier. It will do this by creating a minimum speed limit for each road, which will be enforced the same way as "speeding," and will be more severe based upon how far below the minimum speed that they were going. An exception to this law is when the public road has more than four lanes, the person on the very right lane does not have to abide by the minimum speed. To go along with this, there will be a law forcing semi-trucks to stay in the right lane on roads with more than four lanes. Also, drivers are prohibited from using handheld phones and eating while their vehicle is in motion. Lastly, built in television screens inside cars will not be allowed while the vehicle is in motion. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on February 22, 2006.

Bill To Make The Slopes A Safer Place

Today, Senator Stephen Bittner introduced Senate bill 6374, which addresses the issue of making the slopes a safer place for all skiers, snowboarders, etc. "The bill is a good one because helmet wearing will actually be enforced, cutting down on death or injury due to lack of helmet usage," said Senator Bittner. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on February 22, 2006.

Television Commercials Have Negative Effect

Today, Senator Bryce Lehman introduced House bill 2024, which addresses the issue of television commercials. "The bill is a good one because it takes action against the ever growing time of TV commercials," said Senator Lehman. This certain bill allows an average citizen the opportunity to watch pure television without all of the extra sales pitches. The time that commercials take up, and the worthless products is too much. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on 2/22/06.



WASL Changes Proposed

Today, Senator Gabrielle Christianson introduced Senate bill 5004, which addresses the issue of the WASL. "The bill is a good one because it allows kids with mental disabilities to pass the test or even high school.," said Senator Christianson. This bill will allow children with mental disabilities to pass the WASL in elementary, middle, and high school. It not only gives these children to actually pass, but it helps them feel good about themselves because they passed this test. It helps them not to be discouraged and they can test at their own level. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on February 22, 2006.

Senator Curda Starts Spring Session With A Bang!

Today, Senator Devin Curda introduced Senate bill 1991, which addresses the issue of the location of crosswalks throughout the State of Washington. "The bill is a good one because of its confrontation of a grave issue that we need to address," said Senator Curda. This bill involves the placement of crosswalks next to every park or residential area. This will only be enforced within ten miles of a city limit or populated area containing at least 30 people per square mile. This will help to reduce the number of accidents and fatalities caused by jaywalkers. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on February 22, 2006.

No Speed Signs?

Today, Representative Danielle Raschko introduced House bill 3916, which addresses the issue of lack of speed signs in Yakima/

Klickitat counties. "The bill is a good one because it prevents the injury or death of the public and shortens the reckless driving," said Representative Raschko. The bill requires signs to be posted stating the speed of 55mph in the Alderdale Road area. It requires officers to enforce the new law by visiting the area on unannounced days. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on February 22, 2006.

New Bill Introduced By Senator Deppa

Today, Senator Austin Deppa introduced Senate bill 7192, which addresses the issue of gun control. "The bill is a good one because it will protect minor and major injuries caused by a lack of gun safety," said Senator Deppa. This bill will require gun owners to store their weapon in a locked gun safe or locked gun cabinet. This will also require perspective gun owners to complete a free government-sponsored program to receive a gun license which will allow the individual to be able to buy a gun. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on February 22, 2006.

Jeopardy creates hit

On Friday, pages tested their knowledge of the Legislative process in a spirited game of *Jeopardy*. Winning teams were awarded certificates and brightly colored stickers that they wore proudly for the rest of the day.



No More Car Horns

Today, Senator Harry Doumit introduced Senate bill 5037, which addresses the issue of Car Horn Usage. "The bill is a good one because it could prevent serious injury or even death," said Senator Doumit. In order to prevent vehicle accidents and sleepless nights, we should make car horn usage in areas where people live illegal. First violation is a warning, second, a twenty-five dollar fine, third, a ninety dollar fine, and fourth and up a two hundred dollar fine. Horn usage distracts drivers and causes more accidents than it prevents. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on Feb. 22, 2006.

Sinking Education Thrown A Lifesaver

Today, Senator Erica Cross introduced Senate bill 5564, which addresses the issue of public education accountability. "The bill is a good one because in encourages and rewards schools, teachers, and students to achieve higher success and holds schools, districts, and cities more accountable for bad performance," said Senator Cross. The bill holds schools and teachers

accountable, with jobs and funding at risk for loss if performance is not adequate. As the "paramount duty" of the state, education becomes an important issue in this bill as it intends to raise standards and increase performance of each student and school.

Along with other changes, the age for mandatory education will rise to eighteen instead of sixteen as it is currently. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on February 22, 2006.

Page School on the web

The Page School has its own web site. You can find us at:

www1.leg.wa.gov/WorkingwithLeg/PageSchool/. This newsletter has been posted there.

Ice Machine Noise In Hotel Bill

Today, Senator Hayley Bostrom introduced Senate bill 7530, which addresses the issue of ice machine noise in hotels. "The bill is a good one because we all know that you hate it when you get that room by the ice machine because you can't sleep!," said Senator Bostrom. The ice machine bill would allow the guests in the hotel to sleep through the night without the disturbance of ice machines. The ice machine would be in a sound reducing room. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on February 22, 2006.

No More Taking Up Two Spaces

Today, Representative Ryan Major introduced House bill 1111, which addresses the issue of parking spaces. "The bill is a good one because it will help everyone," said Representative Major. This Bill will make parking spaces bigger so nobody will take up more than one space. Less cars will get hit because there will be more room for cars to get into the surrounding spaces. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on February 22, 2006.

Call To Home!

Today, Senator Mel Campos introduced Senate bill 5555, which addresses the issue of people in the Military. "The bill is a good one because if the person in the military is able to call home, the family will know that they are safe," said Senator Campos. People in the Military should be given the right to call their family and only their family when ever they feel the need to talk to them. If they are not able to contact their family, the family will not be able to now if their family member in the military is safe and out of harm's way. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on Feb. 22, 2006.

Overpopulated Deer No More

Today, Representative Josh Murray introduced House bill 1010, which addresses the issue of too many deer in certain parts of the state. "The bill is a good one because it will decrease the number

of deer killed by cars," said Representative Murray. This bill will create a law that will give extra hunting licenses to certain people around the state so the population of deer will not get too big and fewer will be killed by traffic. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on February 22, 2006.

Better Education?

Today, Representative Zachary Nahum introduced House Bill 1234, which addresses the issue of education. "The bill is a good one because it should increase your child's grades," said Representative Nahum. The bill will make teachers all, with some exceptions, have a class of ten students. This would decrease their workload and give them more time to help the students. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on February 22, 2006.

Page School teachers

Page School's 2006 teachers are (l-r): Paul Procriv, BJ Lutz, and Vicky Whinnery.



Historical pages

Our legislature has employed pages for many years. This photo is of pages who served in past years. The first female page served in 1937.

